

**MINUTES**

**PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2017**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Appleby, Sr., on November 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 in Hearing Room E.**

**Members Present:**

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited/General Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyperson
Peter Alfieri	Unlimited Journeyperson
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

**Members Absent:**

James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyperson
Joyce Topshe	Public Member
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

**Board Vacancies:**

Public Member, Unlimited  
Journeyperson

**DCP Board Staff:**

Richard M. Hurlburt, Director  
Karen Layman, Secretary

**Others Present:**

Ryan Tetreault, Dept. of Public Health  
Craig Kazemekas  
Jay More, Local 777

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## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:**

### **1. Request for an exemption to the Connecticut Well Drilling laws due to hardship for property located at 10 Cedar Ave., Wolcott, CT.**

Mr. Kazemekas, owner of the above-referenced property, appeared at the October 12, 2017 Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board meeting to request that an exemption to Connecticut Well Drilling laws be granted due to a hardship. The current well on this property is not producing sufficient water supply. Due to the small size of the property, there is limited space in which to drill a new well and accommodate the equipment required to do such. The homeowner has received a proposal to drill a new well. The proposed location for the new well is 69 feet away from the septic systems at 10 and 11 Cedar Avenue therefore it does NOT meet the 75 foot requirement of distance between the two.

After discussion at the October 12, 2017 meeting, the Board requested that Mr. Kazemekas submit the proposal he has received from the licensed well driller to the Department for review and that, upon receipt of this document, the Department may grant the hardship as requested.

Subsequent to the October 12, 2017 meeting, the Department received the proposal from the licensed well driller, as the Board had requested.

#### **Connecticut Well Drilling Statutes, Chapter 482, Section 25-133:**

**Sec. 25-133. Exemption.** Where the board finds that compliance with all requirements of this chapter or regulations adopted pursuant thereto would result in undue hardship, an exemption from any one or more of such requirements may be granted by the board, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, to the extent necessary to ameliorate such undue hardship and to the extent such exemption can be granted without impairing the intent and purpose of this chapter.

**The Board reviewed all documentation and discussed concerns regarding this hardship request.**

**The Board took a 30 minute recess and the meeting reconvened at 10:25.**

**The Board voted unanimously to approve the licensed well driller's proposed drilling methods contingent upon the Board's response from the Assistant Attorney General's Office that the Board has no liability or is culpable with this proposed decision.**

**In addition, the Board voted unanimously to add the condition that the well be grouted with bentonite.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,  
Board Secretary